	State/UT	No. of Additional Blocks Sanctioned
15.	Punjab	49
16.	Rajasthan	30
17.	Tamil Nadu	84
18.	Uttar Pradesh	250
19.	West Bengal	57
20.	A & N Island	1
21.	Daman & Diu	1
22.	Lakshadweep	2
23.	Pondicherry	3
	TOTAL	1123

Allotment of Houses of Rural Poor

2061. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that houses for rural poor are allotted without following any proper system of selection;

(b) whether it is also a fact that beneficiaries are selected on whims and fancies of officers and legislators; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to reform this system of selection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) The guidelines issued by the Government of India clearly lay down that the beneficiaries of Indira Awaas Yojana should be selected from among the eligible categories by the Gram Sabha and the list of beneficiaries so prepared by approved by the concerned Block Panchayat Samiti. There is no provision for selection of beneficiaries by an officer or a ligislator or any VIP in the system prescribed and this has been reiterated in communications sent to the State Government.

(c) The question does not arise. However, the above guidelines would again be brought to the notice of State Government suitably.

Irregularities in Distribution of Subsidised Motor Pumpsets

2062. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether several irregularities have been reported in the distribution of subsidised motor pumpsets to the SCs and STs during 1995-96;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the norms followed by the district rural development authorities to identify the beneficiaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. This Ministry has not received any report of irregularities in the distribution of Subsidised Motor Pumpsets to the SCs and STs under IRDP during 1995-96. However, when the Minister (RA&E) was answering a similar Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 181 on 4.12.1996, some Hon'ble MPs alleged that some irregularities in distribution of pumpsets have taken place in Indore, Ratlam and Ujjain districts of Madhya Pradesh. This Ministry has referred the matter to the Government of M.P for their reply. The reply is awaited.

(c) The implementing agencies i.e. District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAS) prepare a consolidated list of the below poverty line families based on the household survey for the plan period as per prescribed procedure. Presently, the below poverty line families are those whose per annum income is below Rs. 11000 at 1991-92 prices. In order to make the procedure of identification and selection of beneficiaries more objective and transparent, the Ministry has issued in-